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SUBJECT: MARCOS VISIT TO CHINA ANNOUNCED /AS ROC EMBASSY PREPARES
TO SHUT DOWN)

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1. GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED JUNE 7-11 AS DATES FOR PRESIDENT'S CHINA TRIP (HEADLINED IN MANILA NEWSPAPERS OF JUNE 1). SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE HAS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS FOR BENEFIT OF LOCAL AUDIENCE: 1) MAIN OBJECT WILL "PROBABLY" BE NORMALIZATION OF TIES BETWEEN GOP-PRC; 2) DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED BUT TRADE RELATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE MAINTAINED; AND, 3) PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD NATURALIZATION OF NON-CITIZEN CHINESE COMMUNITY (APPROXIMATELY 150,000) UNDER NEW PROCEDURES ANNOUNCED IN APRIL.

2. ACCORDING TO ROC EMBOFF, AMBASSADOR LIEU CHIEH IS
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DEPARTING MANILA PERMANENELY JUNE 6 SLIGHTLY IN ADVANCE OF

MARCOS' LIFT-OFF FOR PEKING. THE REMAINDER OF THE EMBASSY
SHOULD BE GONE BY JULY 1.

3. JUNE 2 MANILA BULLETIN ALSO CARRIED UPI STORY FROM
WASHINGTON ACCORDING WHICH STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD
"NO COMMENT" BUT SOME (UNSPECIFIED) U.S. OFFICIALS LINKED CHINA VISIT
WITH MARCOS' "INCREASINGLY ANTI-US POSITION" SINCE FALL OF VIETNAM.
PORTIONS OF UPI STORY WHICH ALLEGED WHITE HOUSE REFUSAL
TO GRANT MRS. MARCOS AN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT FORD
EARLIER THIS YEAR WERE DELETED, AS WAS MENTION OF FORTH-
COMING HOUSE HEARINGS ON US-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS "EXPECTED
TO BE SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE MARCOS ADMINISTRATION".
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